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Location: 1 mile S of U.S. 30 on E side of TR
2019, Everett vicinity, Bedford
County, Pennsylvania

Date of Construction: 1805

Present Owner: Carl Mueller

Present Use: Woolen Mill

Significance: The Lutz Woolen Factory is likely
the oldest surviving woolen mill in
southwestern Pennsylvania.
Although much of the machinery has
been removed (including two early
carding machines, one of which is
now at the Museum of American
Textile History in North Andover,
Massachusetts) and one wall of the
mill has destroyed in a flood,
there are a number of machines in
place and most of the building
remains standing.

Historian: Elaine J. Will, 1991

Project Information: The results of the study of Bedford
County were published in 1994: Kim
E. Wallace (ed), Bedford County and
Fulton County, Pennsylvania: An
Inventory of Historic Engineering
and Industrial Sites (Washington,
D.C.: National Park Service). The
contents of the publication were
transmitted to the Library of
Congress as individual reports.
Research notes, field photos and
copies of historic photos collected
during the project were transmitted
to the AIHP Collection, Special
Collections, Stapleton Library,
Indiana University of Pennsylvania,
Indiana, PA 15705.

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The Lutz Woolen Factory, also known as the Juniata Woolen Mill, is located on the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River. It is a two-and-a-half-story building with a full basement and attic. Its four bays of windows are six-over-six, double-hung. The mill is constructed of randomly and roughly coursed limestone rubble and has a gable roof covered with corrugated metal. Three stone walls remain standing; the east (river) wall was washed away by a 1936 flood and is entirely missing, exposing the mill's four working levels and the stuccoed interior walls. The wall of the mill on the river side was not stone but heavy timber-frame construction with wood siding. This side of the building also contained "a stair, an entrance, drive gear openings and fittings." Some pieces of nineteenth-century woolen factory equipment--including two carding machines, a fulling machine, a shearing machine, and an inspection rack--remain within the mill. The wheelpit and millrace are still visible. The mill is associated with Newry Manor, an 1803 German colonial manor house located across the road.

Built in about 1805, the Juniata Woolen Mill is the oldest known woolen mill in Bedford County. It is also reputed to be the first mill west of the Susquehanna River, and the "oldest known unmodified family woolen mill still standing in the United States." It was built by John Lutz, who came to Snake Spring Township from Loudon County, Virginia. The mill originally operated as the Lutz Woolen Factory, and was known by this name throughout most of the nineteenth century. In 1877 the factory was advertised as a manufacturer of "cassimeres, satinetts, flannels, blankets, etc." The woolen mill stopped operating about 1910. Both Newry Manor and the Juniata Woolen Mill are currently privately owned. A non-profit corporation has been formed to seek support for the restoration of the mill, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

One mid-nineteenth-century carding machine was removed from the mill is now on display at the William Penn Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. A second carding machine from the same period was restored and is in the collection of the Museum of American Textile History in North Andover, Massachusetts.

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